National Housing and Habitat Policy

2105. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are in the process of finalizing the National Housing and Habitat Policy, with a special emphasis on role of housing cooperative societies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of any other steps being contemplated by Government to improve efficiency and competitiveness of housing cooperative societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A new National Housing and Habitat Policy is not yet finalized.

(b) and (c) In view of the above, the questions do not arise.

Enhancement of cost ceiling under VAMBAY

2106. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposals to enhance the cost ceiling for dwelling units under VAMBAY scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Government had decided to subsume the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) and National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) in a new scheme called Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). Under the IHSDP, the ceiling cost of a dwelling unit in Rs. 80,000/-. For special category/hill States and difficult/far flung areas, 12.5% additionality is permissible over and above the prescribed ceiling cost per dwelling unit.

Unemployed youths in Madhya Pradesh

2107. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state the number of unemployed youths in the urban areas of Madhya Pradesh and the steps taken to provide employment to them?